

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please insert the following at the top of page 1 after the title:

This application is a §371 of PCT/CH02/00400, filed on July 19, 2002.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention relates to the use of neurotoxic substances for the preparation of an agent for treating joint pain ~~according to the preamble of Claim 1~~ and a method for applying this agent into the intracapsular space or into the synovial sac of the joint ~~according to the preamble of Claim 30~~.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 23.